



ABATE of Anchorage Board Meeting Minutes  
2 May 2024, 6:30PM to 8:30 PM

**1) Meeting Called to Order**

- a) By Dan Schneider at 6:32PM

**2) Board Members -**

**Five of Seven Board Members needed to establish Quorum - (Indicate if Present)**

- a) Bonnie Welsh -- Zoom  
b) Dan "Spider" Schneider -- Present  
c) Dylan Hunt -- Absent  
d) Jorge Martinez -- Absent  
e) Marie Berry -- Present  
f) Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling -- Present  
g) Stephanie Martinez -- Present

**3) OFFICER REPORTS (Optional) - (Indicate if Present)**

- a) President – Marie Berry -- Present  
b) Vice President – Ken Hunt -- Absent  
c) Secretary – Louise Crago -- Zoom  
d) Treasurer – Stephanie Martinez -- Present  
e) Sgt-At-Arms – Jorge Martinez -- Absent  
f) Legislative Affairs - Big Dave "Grizzly" Monroe -- Absent  
g) Run Coordinator – Choose an item.  
h) Newsletter Editor – Bonnie Welsh -- Zoom  
i) Membership - Marie Berry -- Present  
j) Rider Education - Bonnie Welsh -- Zoom  
k) Gaming - Dan "RC" Owens -- Absent  
l) Products – Marie Berry-- Present  
m) Public Relations – Tiffany "12 Gauge Page" Karling -- Present  
n) ABATE of Alaska State Board Reps  
(1) Ken Coston -- Absent  
(2) Louise Crago – Zoom

**4) UPDATE OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -**

- a) Current Agenda Updates/Additions -  
b) Approval of Agenda - motion by Tiffany, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie . Passed unanimously.  
c) Approval Past Meeting(s) Minutes – From April 4, 2024 — motion by Tiffany, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie. Passed unanimously.

**5) INTRODUCTION OF ANY GUESTS & MEMBERS –**

- a) Dannika Schneider

## 6) Executive Session (only if needed/called)

- a) None needed

## 7) OLD BUSINESS –

- a) 2025 Meet/Greet- Place Holder

1. Received a \$100 bill that is prop money.
  - i) Tiffany and Stephanie are working to get this corrected
2. Tiffany to get markers. **Update?**

- b) 2024 Gathering at the Bike Blessing – May 4, 2024

1. Location – Dimond Mall
  2. Planning Meetings-
    - (1) planning meetings done
3. Poster Contest
  - (1) Winner selected Poster made.
4. Official Afterparty with AK Vets
  - (1) Posters printed. Handbills printed.
5. Pricing – All Sold Out!! And have a waiting list.
  - (1) \$100 for non-profits or clubs
  - (2) \$200 for retail
  - (3) \$150 food vendors
  - (4) Exchange donations for space at Bike Blessing
6. Travis creating a prop for photos.
  - (1) \$100 estimated to build a backdrop.
  - (2) Using some of his parts to create a prop that participants can sit on to take pictures.
  - (3) We will own the backdrop; he wants the prop back.
7. Shorty the Clown
  - (1) 11am – 2pm
  - (2) \$250/hr for first hour
  - (3) \$150/hr for remaining hours
  - (4) Total \$550
8. Sourdough is donating a trailer.
9. ROTC will be helping.
10. Tom Evans is working on the Proclamation.
  - (1) Proclamation has been asked for.
  - (2) Marie/Tom working on contacting the mayor to have him read the Proclamation.
11. Barriers are being set up on Friday for the event on Saturday.
12. Julie mentioned SBS advertising around April 26<sup>th</sup> on their signage.
13. Ken suggested doing Thank You letters/cards after the event.
14. Kaladi Coffee Truck will be there.
15. SOT invited to the next meeting.
16. 3 areas acquired to add 3-wheel.
17. The Chamber offered their assistance with advertising as well as the trash cans.

18. Spacing
  - (1) Possible issue with spacing.
    - i) Some vendors will be shifted for missing vendors.
      - (i) HOG
      - (ii) Photo booth
19. Kat has donations, Marie working on rail passes.
20. Need tables: Donated by Ferguson
  - (1) 8-10 tables
  - (2) 36-50 chairs
21. Need to Cross Promote at Spring Fling
22. Need game ideas.
  - (1) Helmet toss.
23. House of Harley is having an unofficial party at HOH.
24. HOG chapter needs to stay at Blessing until the end.
25. Rolling Thunder
  - (1) Needs to be better organized.
  - (2) Possibly use delineators.
26. Blood Bank will be set up by H&M
27. Storage available at Mad Hatter. Marie will be picking up chairs, coordinating picking up tables.
28. Mentions during the moment of silence for
  - (1) Gene Horner
  - (2) Charlie Babcock
29. MSF Coaches are here but marketing materials didn't come
30. Pushing renewing/joining via Wild Apricot vs Square to avoid fees
31. Location possibility for next year
  - (1) Sullivan Arena
32. Thank You cards
  - (1) Spenard Builders Supply on Minnesota for putting up advertising on their sign for The Gathering and Bike Blessing
33. **Debrief**
  - (1) **Las Margaritas, May 7, 2024, 6pm**
- c) Anchorage Wolverines
  1. Resume in Spring – date TBD?
- d) Christmas in July 2024
  1. Schedule – July 28
    - (1) Possibly change order of drop off.
    - (2) Start later.
    - (3) Louise looking into adding Providence.
      - i) Louise has reached out. Waiting to hear back if there is any interest.
  2. Facilitators – Stephanie, Ken, Marie, Louise
  3. Event Coordinator
  4. After BBQ
    - (1) A lot of food was left last year d/t Salvation Army feeding everyone prior.
  5. Firefighters – **Bonnie contacted.**
  6. Toys (\$1700 in fund)

7. Ken Hunt has a possible Santa and Mrs. Claus if needed.
- e) Break-up Run – May 11, 2024
1. Julie Forsyth will lead
  2. Julie helping/creating the poker run
  3. Gina Hager will be in sweep position
  4. Start at Alaska Leather and ending at Palmer bike blessing
  5. Poster and route posted on social media
- f) Freeze-up Run September 14, 2024 - Placeholder
- g) Alaska Strategic Highway Safety Plan - Stakeholder Meetings – 2023-2027  
Alaska Highway Safety Plan has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration.
1. Areas of concern, committees formed, Motorcycles separate category.
  2. Bonnie, Johanna, and Spider attended meetings to go through the action plan.
    - (1) Updates to come.
  3. Need attention on legislative agenda.
    - (1) Bring to state?
  4. Grants are now open – ABATE is eligible per Johanna.
    - (1) Closes 4/30/2024- not done, too little time
    - (2) Suggested creating flip books for riders that can be distributed next Spring, 5000 books.
    - (3) \$3000 will not be committed
  5. **Tiffany and Dan will call Dave**
- h) ABATE of Alaska State Board (**Ken & Louise**)
1. Discussed having state board meeting at 2024 Salute to Vets
  2. Secretary, Treasurer – still needed, no volunteers yet.
  3. Asked to fund MSF RRETS approved up to \$2500.
  4. A \$500 donation from Juneau ABATE was sent to Laura - with no memo/description.
    - (1) Dan will let Laura know what the money is for.
  5. Asked to discuss returning portion of membership to inv chapters -- tabled
  6. State does pay for Wild apricot and purchased patches for members.
  7. Next meeting is August 28, 2024, at 7pm via Zoom.
  8. Discussion of check signers
    - (1) Tim is a signer for State and Scottie for Anchorage
    - (2) Need to replace both
    - (3) Suggested for Stephanie Martinez to be check signer for Anchorage.
      - i) **Motion was made by** Choose an item. **Spider I didn't catch who motioned (sorry)**
      - ii) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dylan
      - iii) Stephanie abstained from the vote
      - iv) Passed unanimously
    - (4) **Replacing Tim?**
- i) ABATE of Anchorage/ABATE of Alaska Legislative Agenda
1. Big Dave drafting legislation for anti-profiling, get sponsors—using legislation from other states.

2. Motorcycle profiling project.
  3. Bikers in the Beltway
  4. Meeting of the Minds
  5. COC liaison
    - (1) Dave Monroe.
  6. Right on Red ordinance
    - (1) Need someone to attend assembly meeting.
      - i) Louise attended March 19
      - ii) Need to create a statement and decide on speaker(s) for next meeting with this on the agenda.
        - (i) Right on Red Next meeting is on May 21st.
        - (ii) Check the agenda at muni.org.
- j) Rider's Education Program --
1. Classes started
    - (1) ADV lease
  2. Three Angels Memorial/Lease in work.
    - (1) Rider Coaches -- Paperwork done.
    - (2) Endorsing/Promoting ABATE of Alaska and ABATE of Anchorage.
    - (3) Goodie Bags in the works.
    - (4) **New Rider Coaches, class May 11-19, 2024.**
      - i) 10 accepted candidates, all paid fees
    - (5) MSF adventure riders' course will happen after snow melts
  3. Women BRC classes, Tiffany asked to be notified of class dates.
  4. Z125 Repaired and Lowered. 30 Inches Seat height w/std seat
    - (1) Going to sell 4 KTM and 2 Rebels
  5. Bike updates.
    - (1) Selling 6 bikes
    - (2) Approved to purchase two for approximately \$9,000.
  6. Veterans and MSF -Battle Dawgs—successfully engaged Veterans.
    - (1) Bonnie meeting with the groups
  7. Website updates in the works
    - (1) Jared is working on updates.
    - (2) Separate Anchorage from the state site
    - (3) Server was purchased by Jared/Johanna a few years ago.
      - i) Discussions of reimbursement or work in trade to be discussed in the future.
        - (i) Per Johanna – paperwork is being submitted for reimbursement.
          1. Johanna will follow up w/Laura.
    - (4) Domains purchased.
      - i) ABATE of Anchorage .org and .com were \$99/3 years.
        - (i) Nothing is currently hosted on either domain.
      - ii) \$500 for Jared to start the transition to a stand-alone site.
- k) Financial Solvency and Fundraising
1. Financials – Bookkeeper's reports
    - (1) Stephanie submitted the report to Laura.
    - (2) Building fund—\$15/ student

2. Gaming permit
    - (1) contract renewal Lotto AK
      - i) Renewed
      - ii) Money will be sent only when our permit is used.
        - (i) Received \$19820.88
  3. Potential Fundraising
    - (1) Needs work.
  4. Non-Profits Min Reserve-75% <http://www.keyfundsol.com/Services.html>
  5. Financial Policies
- l) MRF Report
1. MRF – Really pushing hard to recruit.
    - i) MRF A&E – Young Activist Scholarship -Placeholder
    - ii) Bikers in the Beltway—Placeholder
    - iii) Issues- right to repair, altering motorcycles, MAC being seated, passive blood alcohol devices by 2026.
    - iv) Looking for assistant reps statewide
    - v) Meeting of the Minds – Placeholder
  2. Dan unable to go in September to PA meeting
    - (1) Tiffany or Marie are possible back ups to go.
- m) SMSA- Placeholder
1. Statistics and Marketing
  2. IIHS.org MC crash statistics
  3. Motorcycles account for 14% of crashes but only 3% of vehicles.
  4. Dan will be going at his own cost
  5. Bonnie may be able to attend on behalf of ABATE
- n) Marketing (**Marie Berry/Tiffany “12 Gauge Page” Karling**)
1. Social Media (Anchorage & State) Committee is Dan” Spider” Schneider, Johanna Noble, and Bonnie Welsh- no update.
    - i) Johanna requested – via Marie – durags for the range
  - (2) Facebook Page –
    - i) ABATE of Alaska: 5100 followers
    - ii) ABATE of Anchorage: 351 followers
  - (3) Alaska Motorcycle Community Group – 3571 members
  - (4) Twitter – 498 Followers
  - (5) Instagram – Followers
    - i) Anchorage: 96
    - ii) State: 585
  2. Products—on hand. skull caps, glass cloths, pens, T-Shirts, and card decks
    - (1) Need to order:
      - i) Short sleeve women’s shirts
      - ii) Microfiber towels from Costco
      - iii) Chapstick
      - iv) 2024 patches for Gathering/Blessing
  3. Grab bags for memberships.
    - (1) 80 were made.
  4. Need range bags.

- (1) Discussion of items in the bags as well as cost
    - i) Budget of approximately \$3/bag in the past
    - ii) Motion made to approve \$2500 to make as many bags as possible
      - (i) Made by: Stephanie
      - (ii) 2nd by: Dylan
      - (iii) Passed unanimously.
- o) By-Laws Changes and Issues -
  - 1. current
- p) ABATE of Anchorage Policies and Procedures
  - 1. Partially started Technology Policy
- q) ABATE of Anchorage Officer Operations Manuals
  - 1. Bike Blessing
  - 2. Toy Run
  - 3. Election Policy/Procedure
    - (1) Ken H. working on updating.
  - 4. Run Coordinator
  - 5. Membership Coordinator
- r) Ride days at Gathering.
  - i) Pressing forward
    - (1) Ride Day for mall staff.
      - i) More to come.
  - ii) Trailer for ride days
    - (1) Toy hauler w/fuel station
    - (2) Sell existing truck/trailer.
  - iii) Ensure space is available.
    - (1) Extra space has been granted.
  - iv) Brings professional development for coaches.
  - v) Insurance
    - (1) MSF covers insurance.
      - i) \$250/oval
        - (i) ABATE pays and MSF will reimburse.
      - (2) ABATE partners w/other schools and coaches
      - (3) Riders need to be 16+
      - (4) ABATE need to commit to 4 more days for Ride Days
      - (5) More options are coming.
- s) Places to participate and promote.
  - 1. Marie to get more information on the Safety Fair at Alaska Regional on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 10-2.
  - 2. Eagle River Triathlon June 2
- t) Legislative concerns
  - 1. Possibly do a poll on the Anchorage Community page and/or email students.
  - 2. Johanna to get samples of booklet & quote.
    - (1) Can't apply for funding d/t no rep.
    - (2) Will get to the board or Bonnie.
  - 3. Have a committee page.

(1) Invites out from meeting.

- i) Jorge – needs information to be added to the page. – **Jorge has joined the page.**

## 8) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Charlie (Charleen) Babcock passed away 4/27/24 in AZ.
  - 1. Potluck at Reilly's Irish Pub on Fireweed on June 21 at 3pm.
  - 2. Honor her during the moment of silence during the Blessing

## 9) OTHER SHORT BUSINESS

- 1. None

## 10) ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING/PENDING

- a) Webpage reconstruction. **In process**
- b) Bonnie to contact firefighters. **Done**
- c) Louise to set up Facebook Event Committee for events and maintain. **Continual**
- d) Louise to monitor assembly agenda for anything related to Right on Red or other items that could affect the motorcycle community. **Continual**
- e) Dan to follow up with Dave and discuss who he is representing since he is the legislative representative. **Open**
- f) Bonie to contact Jason about dirt work needed for building the ADV range.
  - 1. Dan to get Bonnie more details. **In process**

## 11) ACTION ITEMS FROM THIS MEETING

- a) Dan to get with Laura to get some black checks to Bonnie.
- b) Dan to get quotes for the toy hauler due to homeless being in the truck and leaving a lot of trash.
- c) Marie will get with Ken C. about emptying and cleaning the trailer then painting it with Kilz.
- d) Marie to get the cost of the due rags and quantity last ordered.
- e) Bonnie/Dan to get the cost for bags.
- f) Marie getting the list from Laura of the items in the bags.
- g) Bonnie getting titles for Dan for the bikes that will be for sale at the Blessing
- h) Louise to get Providence contact information to Bonnie. **Done before meeting ended**
- i) Louise to draft "speech presentation" for May 21 Assembly meeting for review/input.

## 12) Calendar

- a) Event Calendar 2024:
  - Spring Fling for Women April 6-7, 2024.
  - Swap Meet April 27 (Saturday before Blessing)
  - Gathering at the Bike Blessing May 4
  - ABATE Break up Run May 11, 2024
  - Christmas in July 28, 2024
  - Freeze up Run September 14, 2024 - placeholder.

### **13) ADJOURNMENT**

- a) Next scheduled Board Meeting Date is Thursday, June 6, 2024, at **6:30 PM**. (in the **Board Room**)
- b) Next General Membership Meeting - will resume in the fall
- c) Motion to adjourn the meeting
  - 1. Made by: Stephanie
  - 2. 2nd by: Dylan
  - 3. Passed: Unanimously